

Application No.: 09/988,305

Reply to the Office Action dated: October 5, 2004

**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Cain for the helpful and courteous discussion with Applicants' Representative on November 8, 2004. During this discussion it was noted that the Claims as currently amended appear to place the application in condition for allowance.

**REMARKS**

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Cain for allowing Claims 8-10.

The rejection of Claims 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, is obviated by the amendment of Claims 11 and 12.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge that the references cited in the **Information Disclosure Statement**, filed in the above-identified application on **November 19, 2001**, have been considered. For the Examiner's convenience a copy of Form PTO 1449 as filed on **November 19, 2001**, is attached herewith.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRADE DATE IF APPROPRIATE
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	AB	5,980,347	11/09/99	Tadahiko UDAGAWA, et al.			
	AC	3,971,744	07/27/76	HUDECEK et al.			
	AD	4,129,489	12/12/78	CHRISTENSON et al.			
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